# USACOE Wetlands Permitting Workshop

***SFWMD ERP Briefing***

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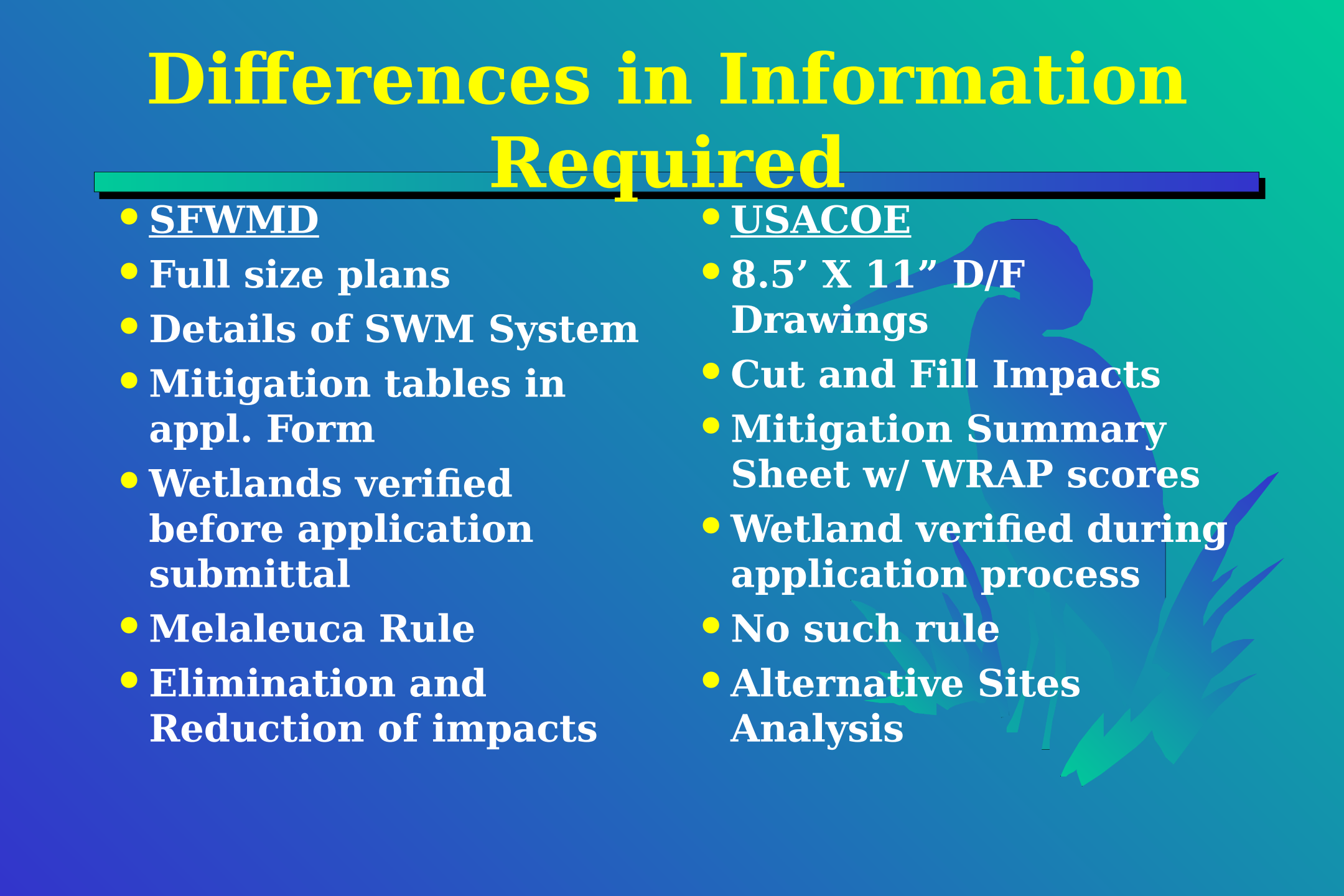
# Coordination Between Agencies

- USACOE is copied on Informal Wetland Determinations
- Joint Meetings to Discuss Projects
- Joint Permit Application Form
- Applications submitted to SFWMD are forwarded to the USACOE twice each week

# Differences in Information Required

- **SFWMD**
- **Full size plans**
- **Details of SWM System**
- **Mitigation tables in appl. Form**
- **Wetlands verified before application submittal**
- **Melaleuca Rule**
- **Elimination and Reduction of impacts**

- **USACOE**
- **8.5’ X 11” D/F Drawings**
- **Cut and Fill Impacts**
- **Mitigation Summary Sheet w/ WRAP scores**
- **Wetland verified during application process**
- **No such rule**
- **Alternative Sites Analysis**

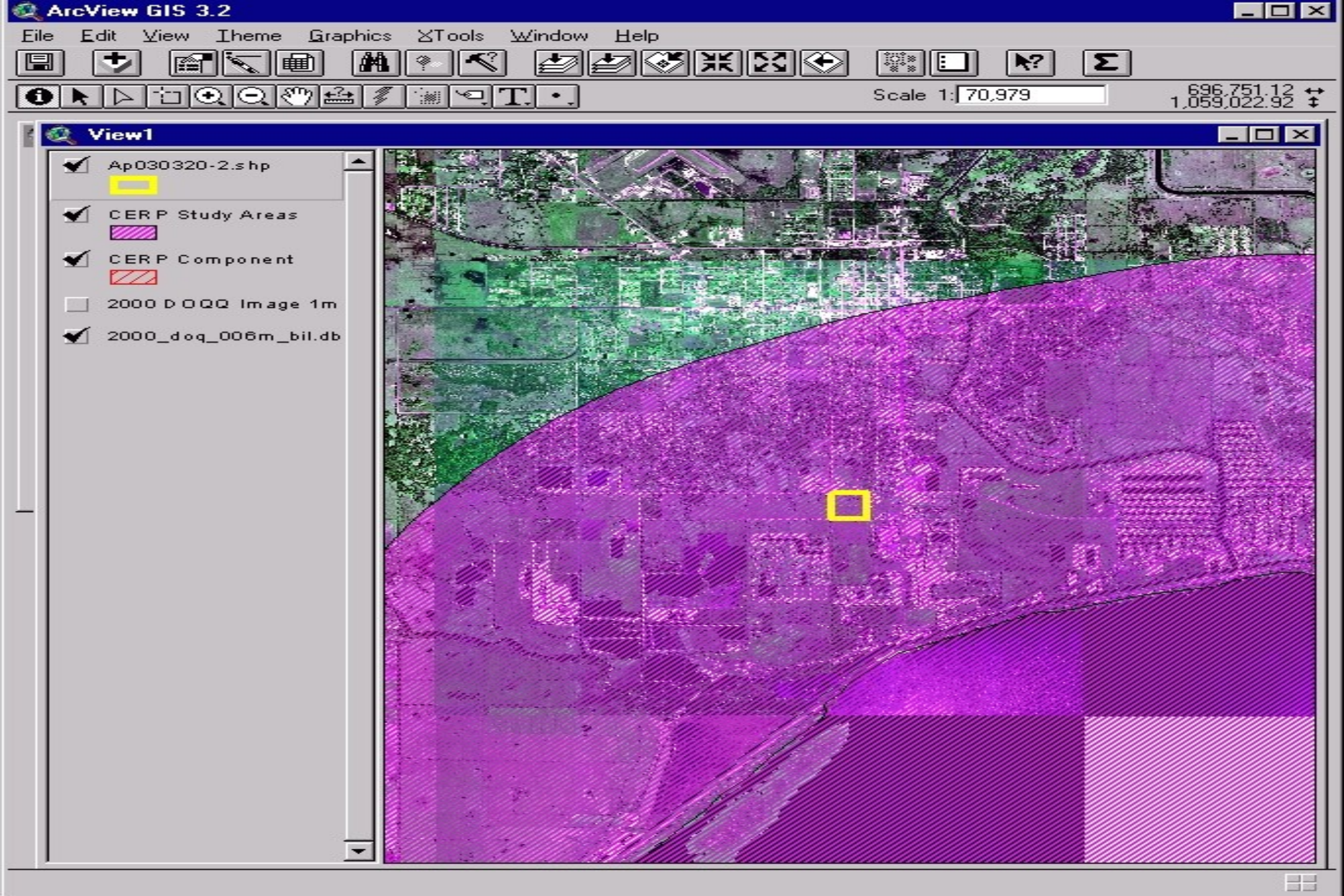


# Coordination Continued

- Submit different Application Packages for each agency  SFWMD versus USACOE
- Use NEON Colors or clearly label the packages.
- Operating Agreement between SFWMD and FDEP
- The ERP issued by SFWMD or FDEP represents the state water quality certification for the ACOE for their 404 permit

# Comprehensive Evergaldes Restoration Plan (CERP)

- Internal Coordination Process - for all projects within or adjacent to a CERP project boundary
- New Applications are Identified one week
  - SFWMD and ACOE Review Staff and CERP project managers are notified.
- CERP Spreadsheet - Website www.sfwmd.gov/org/reg/cerp/sheet1_1.html
- Internal Memo sent with plans
- All project are placed on the GB Agenda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# UNIFORM MITIGATION ASSESSMENT METHOD
# Chapter 62-345, F.A.C. (proposed)

- 2000 Legislature passed bill (incorporated into Chapter 373, F.S.) directing FDEP and WMD's to develop an assessment method
- USACOE has been involved in the rule development
- Functions identified in method must be linked to fish and wildlife - Functions based on Indicators
  - Location and Landscape Support
  - Water Environment
  - Community Structure
- Rule Adoption expected August of 2003
- Approximate Effective Date January 2004
- How does implementation affect new or pending applications?

# SFWMD - ERP
# Outreach Workshop

***June 20, 2003***

***9:00 am - 12:00 pm***

***St. Lucie County***

***Commission Chambers***

***2300 Virginia Avenue***

***Ft. Pierce***